

POLISH SPIES/ BROKAW: The Polish government said today that it would have no
CHICAGO comment on a report of a large Polish spy ring in Chicago until it
had seen that report. The story was developed by WMAQ, the NBC-owned
television station in Chicago, and the reporter tonight is Paul Hogan.

HOGAN: While thousands of Chicagoans celebrated their Polish heritage
during an annual parade earlier this month, the military government of
Poland was watching. U.S. intelligence sources identify the man with the
camera as *Stanisof Shumsky, an officer in the Polish intelligence
service. Shumsky is assigned as a diplomat at Poland's consulate in
Chicago, but U.S. intelligence sources say he's one of at least 11
consular officials who are actually intelligence agents, men whose titles
range from consular attorney to press attache. The resident or chief spy
is identified as *Rumwald Durrilo, second in command at the consulate and
a colonel in Polish intelligence. His consular agents are said to be
responsible for Polish spying from the Great Lakes to California. Working
in Chicago where one out of every 10 citizens is of Polish descent, the
Polish agents try to recruit people with access to American high
technology, or people who can infiltrate key U.S. government agencies.
This Chicago police officer, Henry *Kluptz, says he was recruited by a
Polish agent to infiltrate the FBI. KLUP TZ: And he was telling me, if
you would, there's a lot of money involved you know, for this and that,
you know. HOGAN: What do you mean? KLUP TZ: You know, if I would work
you know, kind of like work for them or give them something, or get in the
FBI.

HOGAN: Kluptz never joined the FBI, although federal officials say he
once applied for a job as an FBI clerk. Kluptz was not charged with
treason because there was no hard evidence he had violated espionage laws,
and the policeman denies taking money or passing classified information.
Federal agents in Chicago have the Polish consulate under surveillance,
but the spys have diplomatic immunity. They cannot be prosecuted, only
expelled from this country, and as one official explained, that would
result in a new set of players, but not an end to the game. Paul Hogan
for NBC News, Chicago.

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